(c) whether Government has conducted any study in this regard; and

(d) whether any proposal is pending with Government to increase compensation being given to people for their losses due to this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (c) Some of the State Governments have reported increase in loss of crop damages etc. due to elephant depredation. The Central Government has not conducted any study in this regard.

(d) There is no proposal with the Central Government to increase rates of compensation for losses as the same are fixed by the respective State Governments.

Coastal management zone

1121. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has finalized and circulated the draft on the Coastal Management Zone in accordance with the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and has invited suggestions from all stake holders;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the salient features of this draft;

(c) the details of suggestions received from all stake holders;

(d) whether the National Fishworkers' Forum has expressed some reservations and instead offered some suggestions; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Environment and Forests has issued the draft Coastal Management Zone (CMZ) Notification on 1st May 2008 and with an amendment on 9th May 2008 under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 for inviting suggestion and objection from stakeholders. Based on the request made by some of the State Governments for extension of time, the Ministry has re-issued the CMZ Notification on 21st July 2008. The draft CMZ notification proposes to protect and promote sustainable development in the coastal and marine stretches through Integrated Coastal Zone Management Practices.

(c) to (e) The Ministry of Environment and Forests has received numbers of suggestions and objections from various stakeholders including public, Central and State Government, Industry Association including Fishermen' Association such as National Fishworkers' Forum. The major issues raised are lack of clarity on the set back line, provisions of the draft notification, loss of livelihood of fishermen community due to increased developmental activities etc.

Quartz and stone crushing units

1122. SHRI B. S. GNANADESIKAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: